

Soviet ransom 'price list' is published

Jesus say 'life getting worse'

The Soviet authorities yesterday published the official "price-list" for ransom money to be paid to the Soviet Union for the release of Soviet citizens held in the West until they return before being free of the tax.

The tax scale, revealed by the U.S.S.R.'s Assistant Minister of the Interior, was reported by the official Soviet news agency Novosti as follows:

- Men who have worked 15 years and women who have worked 12 will pay 50 per cent of the education ransom tax.
- Men who have worked 25 years and women who have worked 20 will pay 25 per cent of the tax.
- Retired persons will be exempt.

There are also provisions for exempting people on "transitional and special grounds," the Assistant Minister reportedly said.

He was also reported as saying that anyone who wished could in principle leave the Soviet Union, except in cases which would endanger the country's security. The Soviet official claimed that 95 per cent of those who had applied for exit visas so far had already received them.

Meanwhile, a group of Jewish intellectuals campaigning to leave the Soviet Union charged in Moscow yesterday that despite an increasing exodus of Jews to Israel, life was getting worse for those left behind, Reuter reported.

At an informal meeting with foreign correspondents the seven Jews said Soviet authorities were "intensifying repression" against certain groups of Jews. There was also "an increasing unwillingness to stick to any of the procedural and legal norms officially proclaimed in the Soviet Union," they said in a prepared statement.

Among the signatories were scientists Alexander Lerner, Vladimir Slepak and Alexander Voronel.

Professor Voronel, a physicist, called on the Soviet authorities to publish a "law of departure" to codify the rules on emigration.

In their statement, the Jews detailed cases in which the promised permission to leave had been withdrawn.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent adds: Senior officials in Jerusalem admitted last night that the new regulations represented a certain measure of relaxation in the ransom rules, but they pointed out that the rules, as they stand now, are still a severe restriction on the rights of Russian Jews to emigrate.

The official sources said that the relaxation doubtless was due to the world-wide struggle for Soviet Jewry and proved that the Soviet government was sensitive to world public opinion and to the intervention of governments in North and South America and Europe.

Analyzing the new rules, the officials noted that even those paragraphs which provide for the possibility of exemption from the ransom are of an arbitrary nature, as shown by recent cases. The Soviet statement that 95 per cent of applications for exit permits are granted is not true, they said.

Some 100,000 Soviet Jews who have applied for exit permits have not been granted them, the officials pointed out.

The Israel Government will urge all bodies who are fighting for Soviet Jewry to step up the struggle, after the latest regulations.

Israeli jets blast terror bases in Syria

By HIRSH GOODMAN Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israel planes yesterday morning attacked terrorist and army bases in Syria in a continuation of the Israeli offensive against the terrorists, which has left almost 1,000 killed or injured since early September. All the planes returned safely to base and last night the border was quiet.

The targets in yesterday's raid included two Syrian army positions in the southern Golan, near the cease-fire line, an artillery battery, and a terrorist concentration nearly 40 kms. inside Syria.

The attack started at about 8.30 a.m., the Army spokesman said.

Yesterday's attack came in the wake of several terrorist incursions into Israel over the past 10 days. The most recent terrorist raid was on Monday, when three improvised grenade launchers exploded harmlessly in the Nahal Golan area. Later that day an army patrol searching the area found seven unexploded anti-tank grenade launchers, a mine and two mortar shells.

The previous incidents were some 10 days ago when terrorists shelled Nahal Golan with bazookas and mortars, and laid several mines in the area.

The terrorist base attacked by the Air Force yesterday is situated near Da'al, 40 kms. inside Syria. It is thought to have acted as a terrorist supply depot.

The two Syrian army outposts hit by planes were less than a kilometre from the cease-fire line in the Nahal Golan area, and it is from here that the terrorists set out on their raids against Israel.

CABINET MEETS

The Cabinet yesterday held a meeting in Jerusalem in which it reviewed security matters with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Ahuf David Elazar.

All incidents from Syria over the past few weeks were carried out by the Jabril branch of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, it was learned.

By late last night the Syrians had not responded to the Israeli attack, as was the case on November 21 when the area became the scene of the heaviest fighting between Israel and her neighbours since the end of the war of attrition.

Informed circles here are of the opinion that the price the Syrians paid in the last encounter — six Mig-21 fighters downed and at least 15 tanks destroyed — acted as a restraining factor in Syria's calculations on how far to go in supporting the terrorist cause.

Since the Munich murders in September (Continued on page 7, Col. 4)

Hanoi boycotts 'technical' talks until bombing stops

PARIS (UPI). — The North Vietnamese refused to meet with American peace negotiators yesterday and said they would boycott all future technical sessions as long as U.S. planes are bombing North Vietnam. The peace delegations said today's 172nd meeting of the four-way Kissinger Avenue talks also would not take place.

U.S. Spokesman David Lambertson blamed the Communists for driving the talks into deadlock.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann held a long meeting with U.S. Charge d'Affaires Jack Kubisch — 24 hours after he met with Hanoi's chief diplomat in Paris and a week after he pledged France would go all in its power to press for a negotiated settlement.

In a message to the U.S. delegation made available to news media, the Hanoi side disclosed that the U.S. had proposed a meeting of technical experts yesterday which it refused to attend.

The (North Vietnamese) side cannot participate in the meeting of representatives and experts that the United States has proposed on December 27, and is obliged to postpone the meeting until another date," the message said.

It went on: "When the situation existing before December 15 (date of the November 23, 1967 Security Council Resolution 242, said yesterday the Israel interpretation of that measure was 'fully consistent' with what the then British gov't meant."

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1,400 U.S. air strikes

SAIGON. — U.S. bombers blasted the Hanoi and Haiphong areas of North Vietnam with more than 1,400 strikes and devastated scores of military targets in the first week of the renewed bombing campaign above the 20th parallel, the U.S. Command reported yesterday.

U.S. air force generals had said earlier that the aim of the bombing was "to cut out North Vietnam's vitals."

The pattern of attacks and targets, which included five major power plants servicing Hanoi and Haiphong and nearly a dozen rail yard yards through which vital supplies flow, made it clear that the aim of the American air campaign is to paralyze North Vietnam's two largest cities.

Virtually all of the strikes were concentrated in and around the capital of Hanoi and the port of Haiphong.

The Command, breaking its silence on the biggest air operation of the war, reported in a special communiqué that more than a dozen different type targets were attacked, including some for the first time ever in the war.

The period covered by the special communiqué is from December 18 until December 26, when the bombing was halted at a 36-hour Christmas ceasefire. It was resumed on Tuesday afternoon.

90 PLANES LOST

The Command also announced the loss of its 90th and 20th aircraft. The special communiqué from the U.S. Command said: "Targets struck included railyards, shipyards, command and control facilities, warehouse and transport points, communications facilities, vehicle repair facilities, power plants, railway bridges, railroad rolling stock, truck parks, Mig bases, air defence radars and surface-to-air missile (SAM) and anti-aircraft artillery sites."

The Command said that more than 800 Soviet-built surface-to-air missiles were fired at the U.S. aircraft during the strikes, which works out to almost two missiles being fired at every strike plane that flew over the heavily defended area, the most intense fire American pilots have ever encountered in Indochina.

Meanwhile, North Vietnamese gunners downed another U.S. B52 heavy bomber early yesterday, within hours of the end of the Christmas bombing pause, the U.S. Command said.

It was the 12th big bomber loss (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6)

Wilson on 242: Israel's view tallies with then U.K. gov't

By SEAYA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, whose government played a key role in framing the November 23, 1967 Security Council Resolution 242, said yesterday the Israel interpretation of that measure was "fully consistent" with what the then British gov't meant.

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Don't quit Alignment—Ya'ari

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam Secretary-General Meir Ya'ari yesterday urged his party not to abandon the Alignment "test the opportunities in the Labour Party reach a compromise with the right-wing." He warned that without Mapam in alliance with the Labour Party there might come a power "the chauvinist reactionary alternative."

Mr. Ya'ari was making his farewell speech to the Sixth National Convention of his party at the Cinemas Hall here in the presence of President Zelman Shazar, Knesset Speaker Yeshayahu, Premier Golda Meir and other Ministers. He was ending 53 years of leadership of the Hachomer Hahazair movement, the kibbutz Arab Federation and the Mapam Party.

The "summing-up" of the trail-

looking leaders of left-wing Socialist Zionism was replete with polemics against younger critics from his kibbutzim ("at my so-called sins of the past") but mainly against the political concepts of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

He gently chided Premier Golda Meir for not having repeated often enough Israel's readiness to respond to any Jordanian offer for negotiations without prior conditions. But he also took issue with "those among us who claim that Hussein opened the door to talks while Israel shut it."

In attacking the absent Defence Minister, Mr. Ya'ari said: "Moshe Dayan claims that King Hussein will never accept the Allon Plan as the basis for peace while all signs show that — it is my impression — Dayan himself does not gamble on the card of peace, but rather on that of time, the army and on the eventual submission of the inhabitants of the territories.

It is my impression that he will not sit in mourning if the status quo of military administration continues for another ten years or more in the territories until the Arabs accept it as permanent. If that is, indeed, the Dayan Plan, then it is not for peace.

Nevertheless, Mr. Ya'ari said he preferred to remain with Dayan in the same Alignment camp, "for there is the chance he might repent. You know he always leaves an opening to retreat and I hope that when the hour of decision comes he will cleave to his statement in the U.S. that for peace he is ready to forgo much territory."

Both Premier Golda Meir and Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin called for closer ties between the parties. Mr. Yadin said pointedly, "Don't forget your Alignment is with all sections of the Labour Party."

Mrs. Meir reiterated the traditional Socialist Democratic concepts of her party, saying, "All these slogans of socialism, pioneering and Zionism are meaningless if they are not accompanied by deeds."

She appeared to be protesting the counter-thesis to Hachomer Hahazair Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, who, in a speech replete with fulsome praise of Hachomer Hahazair ideology, had said, "The only faith I find in you is that you are too few. I urge you increase your numbers."

Mrs. Meir also said, "I don't want to go into the case of Ady (a son of Mapam kibbutz Gan Shmuel, accused of spying for Syria) but I want to point out that there are people in this country, and not only young ones, who question our very right to exist here. We have to join forces to fight both extremes even if we disagree at times."

Mrs. Meir said that her socialism meant building a state for all Jews and that her socialism means that we no longer have Jewish refugees and that no one need pity a Jew anymore."

She spoke of her deep concern at Soviet persecution of Jews and of the need for an all-out campaign to rescue Jews from the hell of Arab countries.

Three Syrians said killed

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A military spokesman in Damascus said last night that three Syrian civilians were killed and two soldiers wounded in Israel's air raid on southern Syria yesterday morning.

The spokesman made no mention of material damage. In contrast to previous military announcements, yesterday's statement was brief and the state radio played it down.

The spokesman said that a formation of Israeli planes "carried out a new aggression at 8.30 a.m." yesterday, bombing two villages and "some advance posts" in the southern sector of the Syrian front. The raid lasted 20 minutes, he said. It named the two villages as Da'al and Saids, close to the town of Dera'a, which is near the Jordanian border.

In Beirut, a spokesman for the Palestinian sabotage movement said the raid hit some of the terrorist supply depots, but there was no substantial damage.

Three Egyptian POWs returned

Three Egyptian prisoners of war were yesterday returned to Egypt across the Suez Canal at Kantara under the auspices of the International Red Cross. All three require further medical attention.

The prisoners were named as: Private Musa Hader Said Musa, taken prisoner in Sinai in 1971, and two captured in the Shadwan Island raid in January 1970, Private Ali Said Ali Gumma and Private Mohammed Abdel Moneem el Waidl.

Managuans told to bury dead

MANAGUA (UPI). — Former President Gen. Anastasio Somoza yesterday ordered the National Guard to shoot looters and appealed to the people to turn from pillaging to burying the dead. Somoza asked for order and assumed the survivors the government would give them food if the looting ceased.

In a radio message to those left in this destroyed Nicaraguan capital, Somoza said, "Managua doesn't have any more goods to sack or doors to break down. Now let us try to bury our dead.

"Beginning today, I have given orders to the National Guard to patrol the city and halt pillaging. They have orders to shoot if necessary. Go home and wait there — we will give you food. I order that the pillaging stop immediately. Let us establish peace which is Nicaragua's only salvation."

Somoza's speech was broadcast over the nation's emergency radio network. His voice crackled with the urgency of the situation and he was almost shouting when he finished his speech.

Following the broadcast, troops began searching vehicles in the city and asking for identification from residents. People were asked for proof of ownership of many of the goods they were carrying out of the destroyed city.

As efforts went on to clear away the rubble and restore order, Somoza ordered the distribution of food staples to victims. Rice, red beans, powdered milk and other goods were passed out to hungry earthquake refugees as masked squads went about their grisly task of searching out and burning bloated bodies.

A government spokesman said at least 3,000 persons perished in the earthquake last Saturday. But a final official death toll is impossible because of the number of bodies (Continued page 4, col. 4)

Two more Jews held as spies

By YOEL DAE Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Two more Jews have been arrested in connection with the espionage and sabotage ring that was uncovered in the North earlier this month.

The two were arrested in Tel Aviv on Tuesday morning and they were remained in custody for 15 days in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. The court forbade any publication of their names or any other details that might identify them.

Their arrest brought to six the number of Jews arrested in the case in the past three weeks, with about 30 Israeli Arabs also detained.

Both suspects are under 30 years old and are married. The decision to arrest them was taken at a high level and followed several months of observation by the security services. One of them appears to be a resident of the northern part of the country. Their investigation is being conducted by officers of the police's Northern Command and the security services.

It is learned that the main part of investigation in the case has been completed, and the police are to present the files to the District Attorney for legal processing within a few days.

No Israel medical team for Managua

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel will not send a team of doctors to Nicaragua after all — because the authorities there have sent word they are not short of medical personnel or equipment, officials said yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry had pre-

FRESH 'IDENTIFICATION': Skull belongs to Martin Bormann

BERLIN. — West German judicial authorities have definitely identified a skull recently found in West Berlin as that of Adolf Hitler's deputy, Martin Bormann, the West German magazine "Stern" said yesterday.

Wilhelm Metzner, the Frankfurt Public Prosecutor in charge of investigating the Bormann mystery, said the magazine's report was preliminary, but added: "I believe we will reach the same result which 'Stern' obviously has anticipated."

"Stern" said the skull identified as Bormann's was one of two which railway construction workers found on December 8 in the Lehrter railway yard.

The magazine said a second skull had been identified as that of Ludwig Stampferger, Hitler's personal physician. Both men participated in an attempt to break out of Hitler's bunker and through a ring of Russian tanks on May 2, 1945, after Hitler committed suicide.

Mr. Metzner said that a dental technician who assisted in treating Bormann has recognized his own handwork in the dentures of the first skull.

But Mr. Metzner said he would need more than the dental evidence before he could close the book on the 27-year-old Bormann mystery conclusively.

Further evidence is expected to come from the Institute of Dental Medicine in West Berlin, which is comparing the dentures of the skull with a sketch of Bormann's teeth made from memory by his dentist, Dr. Blasek. The dentist who is now dead, made the sketch right after World War II at the request of Allied authorities.

"The original X-rays were lost," Metzner explained. When one has to rely on memory, there is a certain instability factor."

Metzner said "Stern's" story was based on preliminary reports and a final report that would remove all doubt would be completed in about two weeks. (UPI, AP)

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'Politics' blamed in high cost of housing

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Housing Minister Zeev Sharf told the Knesset yesterday that Israel was "going through an almost tragic period of rising housing prices."

Replying in the Knesset yesterday to three urgent motions for the agenda about price increases in the cost of apartments for young couples after the signing of the contract, Mr. Sharf rejected opposition charges that companies associated with his Ministry had delayed the completion of apartments on speculative grounds.

He claimed that he personally favoured regulation of the building trade such as existed in Holland or Sweden. However, he added quickly, the opposition would do as much to regulate the building trade as to regulate the housing market.

Mr. Sharf shrugged off all responsibility for the latest Shikun Ovdim "affair involving the Histadrut housing corporation's Kiryat Remes project in Haifa. (It was alleged that relatives of important Labour Party functionaries jumped the queue and got flats.)

He said there was no law to force Shikun Ovdim to sell its flats to anybody in particular, especially since it did not use investment capital raised from Treasury-backed bonds or State budgets. Shikun Ovdim was not a public company, whatever the State Comptroller said.

He discounted charges about the allegedly steep price rises demanded by Shikun Ovdim, and quoted much lower figures than reported in the press or claimed in the debate.

Mr. Zvi Zimmerman (Gahal) said the whole matter of housing for young couples and immigrants was

"social dynamite." In the Haifa area alone, he said, there had been three incidents involving young couples' housing in the past two months.

Prices had gone up 40 per cent between the time the couples signed contracts and the time the apartments were ready. Mr. Zimmerman said. Instead of monthly payments of IL160 on the mortgage, they would have to pay IL396.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) quoted the State Comptroller's criticism of State housing being allocated at different prices to different people, with the reductions going to the families of officials and civil servants who had the right recommendations.

Mr. Tamir asked why the Housing Ministry should have to import caravans for immigrants if the situation was so good in Israel that unmarried persons with "pull" could get cheap apartments which they did not even live in, built by a public housing company on State lands.

Mr. Zalman Shoval accused the Government and public housing companies of speculating at the expense of the low-income groups. He charged the public housing companies with fixing different prices for the same type of apartments depending on whether a young couple bought the apartment or the relative of some party functionary.

The three motions were voted to Committee.

Two Members whose names were mentioned in connection with the Shikun Ovdim affair — Messrs. Avraham Omer and Moshe Wertman (both Alignment) stayed away from the debate.

Mr. Tamir, by implication, described Mr. Ofer as a "boss with underworld connections."



Harold Wilson and Golda Meir at the meeting of the Labour Party Central Committee in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Gaza city engineer jailed for terrorist contacts

GAZA — Egyptian Intelligence are ready to pay a million pounds for any Israeli pilot who would go to Europe and supply them with defence information, an army prosecutor charged here.

He was speaking at the trial of former Gaza City Engineer Fakhr Muhammad Selim Khalil Maki, 45, who was given a year in jail for having contacts with terrorist leaders while on a visit to Cairo earlier this year. One of the missions the terrorists had charged him with was to bribe an Israeli Air Force pilot to go to London or Paris and supply the information.

Maki had gone to Cairo in the spring on an officially approved mission. While there, the prosecution charged, he was contacted by Fatah deputy leader Ghaleb Hassan and the P.L.O.'s Cairo representative, Jamal el-Surani.

Maki who denied the charges, was found guilty of having told the terrorists the number of Israeli soldiers in Gaza and the number of tanks (which he put at seven).

However, the court found that he had not acted on the two terrorists' pilot-bribe suggestion.

The military prosecutor, Segen Yaron Rahmowitch, had asked for a three-year term on the grounds that Maki is an educated man and that his act could set a dangerous example. However, Court president Rav-Seren Rafael Ben-Yisrael said he would take Maki's bad health into consideration and gave the ex-City Engineer one year, plus a two-year suspended sentence.

Attending the trial was the entire membership of the Gaza Municipal Council.

Also convicted yesterday was Rafah terrorist Ata Salameh Abu Ghassal, 22. He was given 20 years for four mining incidents in the Gaza area, one of which caused minor injuries to an Israeli driver Abu Ghassal was caught in December 1971 with 81 Mark II mines, 38 grenades, and a Kalashnikov rifle. He at first pleaded not guilty but later admitted the charges.

HAROLD WILSON: 'Labour government would revise EEC agreement'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson met the Histadrut Central Committee here yesterday and spoke exclusively on Britain's Labour Party bid to gain back the majority it lost in 1969.

Once in power, Mr. Wilson predicted, Labour will ask for the revision of Britain's agreement with the European Common Market, whose French-dominated policies were bound to adversely influence food imports to Britain. "If we fall, we shall put the issue to a referendum — for the majority of the British people are against the EEC," he added. There were political leaders in Britain, he said, who argue that one has to please certain European partners. "Those were the same ones who obliged Britain to vote against Israel in the U.N. — for the same reason," Mr. Wilson said.

One of the reasons Labour lost the election, according to Mr. Wilson, was that housewives fell victim to a press campaign accusing the inflation to the Labour government. "In fact, in the six years of Labour government, the Cost-of-Living rose by four and a half per cent, during

the two and a half years of the Tory rule, inflation grew by 23 per cent." However, Mr. Wilson said, the loss of the election drove the Labour Party and the Trade Union Congress clear together.

Mr. Wilson said that when Labour returns to power, it will repeal the anti-strike law, which "makes martyrs of people who should not have been allowed to gain public sympathy." To fight speculative use of building sites, Labour proposes to nationalize land, Mr. Wilson said. Unemployment, he said, should be solved by social regional development. "We shall not be caught again by surprise by economic problems, as we did in 1964," Mr. Wilson commented.

Astronaut Irwin: 'Jesus is way to God'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Astronaut James Irwin, conducting a Christmas visit to the Holy Land, last night told reporters, "It is through Jesus Christ that man can get to know God."

The 43-year-old American moon explorer appeared at Jerusalem's Mount Scopus Hotel at a press conference arranged by High Flight Inc., a Baptist-sponsored foundation aimed at drawing Christians closer to the principles of their faith.

Colonel Irwin, who is president of High Flight, was accompanied by the organization's executive director, Rev. William Rittenhouse, and Dr. Robert Lindsay, Chairman of the Baptist Convention in Israel.

Col. Irwin said now that his work with the space programme has ended, he devotes all his time to propagating the message of High Flight. He said that message was: "God is good. God answers prayers. God created a unique planet called earth and we humans must preserve it."

Of his visit to Israel, Col. Irwin said: "As I looked out at the Judean Desert I was reminded of the beauty on the moon. It was a thrilling experience to walk along the same ways that Jesus did."

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, probability of rain in the afternoon.

Weather synopsis: Upper trough extending from Russia to East Mediterranean, deepening and moving south-easterly.

Yesterday's Minimum	Yesterday's Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem 19	2-9	9-8
Dolar 18	1-8	8-7
Nahariya 18	-1-16	0-15
Safad 18	0-6	5-13
Haifa 18	0-6	5-13
Tiberias 18	-1-16	2-14
Nazareth 18	-2-10	2-14
Afula 18	-2-10	2-14
Betanan 18	-2-10	2-14
Shomron 18	-2-10	2-14
Tel Aviv 19	0-6	1-16
Lot 19	0-6	1-16
Jericho 19	0-6	1-16
Geza 19	0-6	1-16
Beerseba 19	0-6	1-16
Beit 19	0-6	1-16
Tiran 19	0-6	1-16

Social and Personal

President Shazar yesterday received Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon. The Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and Mrs. Edward Ginsburg called on Mr. Shazar on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister of the Province of New Brunswick in Canada, Mr. Richard Hatfield, yesterday called on Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir.

Mr. Hatfield also visited the Hebrew University and called on the Vice-President, Mr. Bernard Cherrick.

Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir will be made a Freeman of Beerseba at a ceremony this afternoon, dedicating the Negev city's new City Hall.

Prof. Manuel Ballesteros, of Madrid, will lecture on "The Palaces of Chincero" (in Spanish) today, at 7 p.m., in Beit Shalom, 20 Ahad Ha'am St., Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Department of Spanish Studies.

We wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to all who expressed sympathy and condolences on the death of our dear Dr. Fritz Yitzhak Ullman.

Lotta, Raya and Uri Ullman (Communicated)

BIRTH

GOODMAN — To Beulah and Hersh, a sister to Shal, born at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem on December 27.

TWO DEAD ON ROADS

Two persons were killed in separate road accidents in the central part of the country in the past 48 hours.

Chaslava Galitza, 60, of Nes Ziona was killed yesterday afternoon when the car she was riding in collided with another private vehicle in Rishon LeZion. The accident occurred at the corner of Ruppin and Horowitz, where a car driven by a young man from Beit Yam crashed into the Galitza's car (the victim's husband, Yitzhak, 64, was driving at the time). Yitzhak Galitza was seriously injured and hospitalized at Assaf Harofeh. Two passengers in the other car were also slightly hurt.

On Tuesday night Yihye Harari, 52, of Rosh Ha'ayin was run over as he tried to cross the Beit Dagon-Rishon LeZion road. He was hit near the entrance to the Volcani Institute at 8 p.m. The driver of the car that hit him, a 42-year-old man, was detained.

Weizman and Begin reach agreement Direct vote for mayors bill ready

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The rift in Herut between Menachem Begin and Mr. Ezer Weizman was healed at a meeting of the top party leaders late last night. It was decided to nominate Mr. Begin to the post of chairman of the Party Executive — a nomination which Weizman, the former Executive chairman and Haim Ullman, M.K., are to bring before the next meeting of the Central Committee.

Mr. Begin "will remain in that post until after the elections to the Eighth Knesset," the spokesman said.

Mr. Weizman is to be nominated to head the party's election campaign headquarters.

All those who took part in last night's meeting — Mr. Begin, Mr. Weizman, Mr. Landau, Eitan Lavid, Yoel Kremerman and Yitzhak Shamir — will be members of the Executive, which will be nominated "within a reasonable period of time" and approved by the Central Committee.

Last night's meeting also resolved that "there will no longer be any factions within Herut."

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The draft bill for the direct election of mayors was virtually completed in Knesset committee yesterday, ready to be voted into law. Its main sponsor, the Alignment's Mordechai Ben-Porat, has secured a party commitment that it will come up before the controversial surplus votes bill (See page 8).

In the Law, Constitution and Justice Committee yesterday, the Labour wing of the Alignment mustered a comfortable majority to vote down a series of filibustering amendments by Maspam and Gahal. These were mainly aimed at either deferring direct election of mayors till 1977, or introducing the reform experimentally in 1973 only in three or four towns.

In the Alignment faction caucus, Mr. Ben-Porat seized the opportunity to get a commitment from chief whip Moshe Saran that the bill would not be held back.

Mr. Ben-Porat told The Post: "I've slaved at this bill for the past six years and I'm not going to let it slip out of my hands now."

The mayoral elections bill needs an ordinary and not an absolute majority (like the surplus votes bill).

Slightly fewer welfare cases

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The percentage of welfare recipients in the population has dipped slightly from 2.8 in November 1971 to 2.7 this November, the Welfare Ministry spokesman said last night.

The Ministry last month disbursed IL4.3m. in regular payments to 23,000 families and single persons (a total of 91,000 souls). This number included 211 immigrant families.

Israel XI beats Greek champs 1-0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The national soccer Selected scored its second consecutive win last night. A 28th minute goal by Moshe Onana gave Israel a 1:0 victory over Panathinaikos, the Greek champions.

Compensation to eight former Ikrit villagers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Eight families who were evacuated from the Lebanese border village of Ikrit in 1948 have accepted Government offers of compensation in the past few months. Two more families who had agreed to accept alternate lands in the Gallee village of Rama have backed down under social pressure.

Several months ago the Government issued its definitive "no" to requests from the former residents of Ikrit and nearby Bir'im to be allowed back to the homes they were evicted from during the War of Independence. Ever since, the Public Committee for the Return to Ikrit and Bir'im has lobbied among the villagers to get them to resist any deal whereby they would relinquish their rights against compensation in land elsewhere or in money.

Reliable sources said the two families from Ikrit had reached agreement with the Lands Administration and then reneged in the face of disapproval from other villagers.

Down through the years, about 65 per cent of the villagers from Ikrit accepted compensation. The comparable figure for Bir'im is much less, about 10 per cent.

Key witness 'disappears' in murder trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — One of the central prosecution witnesses in the trial of two Migdal Ha'emek youths for the murder of a new-immigrant soldier has "disappeared."

The District Court here was notified that the witness, Mira Kamtzan, could not testify because she had been "injured in a traffic accident." But the Assistant District Attorney reported yesterday that the police have no record of any accident in which the witness may have been injured. Furthermore, he said, police went to the woman's home, but no one there knew where she was or what had happened to her.

Miss Kamtzan was to have testified against Meir Levi and Avraham Azulai, both aged 19, who are accused of killing Miriam Garon (Green) in a Migdal Ha'emek clubhouse last September. Garon, 18, a recent immigrant from Russia, had been decorating the clubhouse for a party when Azulai and Meir allegedly burst in and picked a fight. Garon was killed by a broken bottle which severed an artery in his neck.

Meir is charged with murder; Azulai, with manslaughter.

Miss Kamtzan was not the first witness in this trial to run into "difficulties." Eyewitness Paulina Rovina was the victim of an attempted kidnapping 10 days ago, the prosecutor told the court. Her would-be abductors fled when she started to scream.

The trial was adjourned until this morning. (This)

Warning strike idles Hadera tire factory

Some 800 workers at the Alliance-Hadera tire plant staged a one-day warning strike yesterday in demand for changes in the work contract they had just signed.

In Beit Shemesh, the airplane engine plant remained closed for the third day by a wildcat walkout.

Mr. Yona Zion of the Hadera Labour Council said the strike had produced a list of 18 changes it wanted in the 1972-73 contract signed a few months ago by the previous committee.

The management said it will not talk to the present works committee without the presence of the Council.

Beit Shemesh Engines head Yosef Shidlovsky expressed his regret over the strike at a plant he established "to help Israel defend herself by herself." The workers themselves who walked out after eight months of contract negotiations, complained of "lack of communication." (This)

Marine officers strike Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Marine Officers' Union yesterday threatened to call all marine officers in Israel on January 1 out on strike, if the Histadrut does not extend recognition to their Union. It split away from the Seaman's Union a month ago.

The union spokesman, Mr. Moshe Gutbar, announced that the strike will include port pilots and all officers employed by shipping companies and institutions, including the maritime schools. The Union represents all marine officers and masters.

Stress on hospital's role in health care decried

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The hospital should be only one component of a modern health-care system, not its core, American health expert Dr. Cecil Sheps told medical personnel here yesterday.

Dr. Sheps, vice-chancellor of health services at the University of North Carolina, was speaking to 100 Israeli and foreign doctors and professors at the opening session of the current Batsheva health seminar at the University of the Negev.

The American medical educator said that it was a common misconception that hospitals must play the central role in health care. Instead, he said, it should be only a component in a community health system which, he added, has yet to be developed.

This view was seconded by Harvard medical economics professor Dr. Rashi Fein, who said "the hospital has to be involved in community health care, but should not

be the dominant and supreme structure.

Another speaker was Dr. Haim Halevy, Health Ministry Deputy Director-General, who maintained that health costs in Israel were not out of line with those in what he called "other well-developed countries." As an example, he compared Israel's annual health bill of IL1,000m. with the \$70,000m. spent for health care each year in the U.S. (about IL350 vs. \$350 per person per year).

The five-day seminar will move to Tel Aviv after two more sessions here and will finish up next week with a closing day in Jerusalem. It is the 19th of the Batsheva de Rothschild Foundation for the Advancement of Science in Israel held since it began the series in 1963.

A NEW IMMIGRANT absorption centre is to be opened in the Rakefet Hotel in Safad on January 15. The second such centre in Safad, it will have room for up to 200 immigrants.

RAID

(Continued from Page One)

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem has attacked a total of 33 terrorist bases in Syria and Lebanon leaving over 1,000 dead and injured. Terrorists are thought to account for at least half the number of casualties, and a "high percentage" of the deaths. Syrian and Lebanese soldiers, and civilians make up the rest of the total.

Syria has complete control of all terrorist actions conducted against Israel from its territory, and the Syrian army is known to actively aid the terrorists with arms, ammunition and intelligence. Up to now it has been the Syrian's policy to allow terrorist raids into Israel which they considered large enough to satisfy Arab and Palestinian opinion, but too small to warrant Israeli retaliation.

Over the past three months, however, Israel has been adhering to a policy of "disproportionate retaliation" in an attempt to not only keep the borders quiet, but to try and liquidate the terrorist movements entirely. Since September the Lebanese border has been completely quiet, while only minor incidents have been reported along Israel's frontier with Syria.

Dr. Tzila and Dr. Gideon Zwass are happy to announce the birth of their first daughter

Gila

Granddaughter to Prof. Pinchas Czerniak and to Eli and Martin Zwass

December 27, 1972

Shaare Zedek compiles first drug index

Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem has compiled the first computerized prescription index in the country, the hospital announced yesterday.

The index establishes standards for the use of all the many drugs available here. It lists indications, contraindications and standard dosages for all entries, and is also classified according to diseases.

One of the advantages of the new book — now available to all doctors at the hospital — is that it lists all the various trade names for any given prescription (in some cases there are as many as seven different names for the same drug).

Truman and Israel

President Harry Truman, who died this week, has been described as a "great friend of the Jewish People."

I. L. Keren describes the effect of Truman's immediate recognition of the State of Israel, and his relations with the Zionist community, in tomorrow's

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The American Embassy will be closed to the public, except for those wishing to sign the condolence book, Thursday, December 28, a day of mourning for

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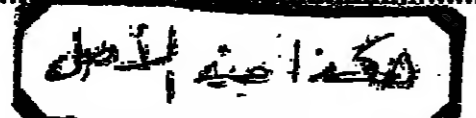
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A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 31, 1972 at 9 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, Tel Aviv. We shall meet at the Cemetery entrance.

MILLY BROZA and Family



Small factions begin fight against surplus votes bill

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Two parliamentary blocs are saring up for the loudest and fiercest confrontation in the life of the present Knesset. They are fighting the amendment to the 1973 Elections Bill regarding distribution of surplus votes at this time.

Three no-confidence motions led yesterday by three small opposition factions — to come up Monday — brought to parliament a parliamentary tussle over a bill which will tend to make big parties and small parties smaller.

The three factions — the Free List, the State List and the New Alliance — tabled their no-confidence motions as part of a maneuver to delay the surplus votes bill as long as possible.

Under the House Rules, no-confidence motions take precedence over other items on the agenda. The bill factions intend to table their motions after they failed to get the backers of the bill — the Alignment and Gahal — to defer first reading from next week to next week after a similar attempt by eight small factions to the left likewise proved fruitless.

A Surplus Votes Bill, tabled as a unanimous vote to the right of the center in the present election system, are those won by an electoral list in what are required for a number of seats, but less than would be required for a seat.

Alignment and Gahal hope such a law to settle perceptions with certain of the factions, and increase their representation at the same time. Some Alignment leaders, like Mr. Gahal, who heads the Sapir-Labour Party "machine," entertain the aim hope a bill could even give them an absolute majority in the 1973 elections. This would address the argument that the change-over to the new system is superfluous.

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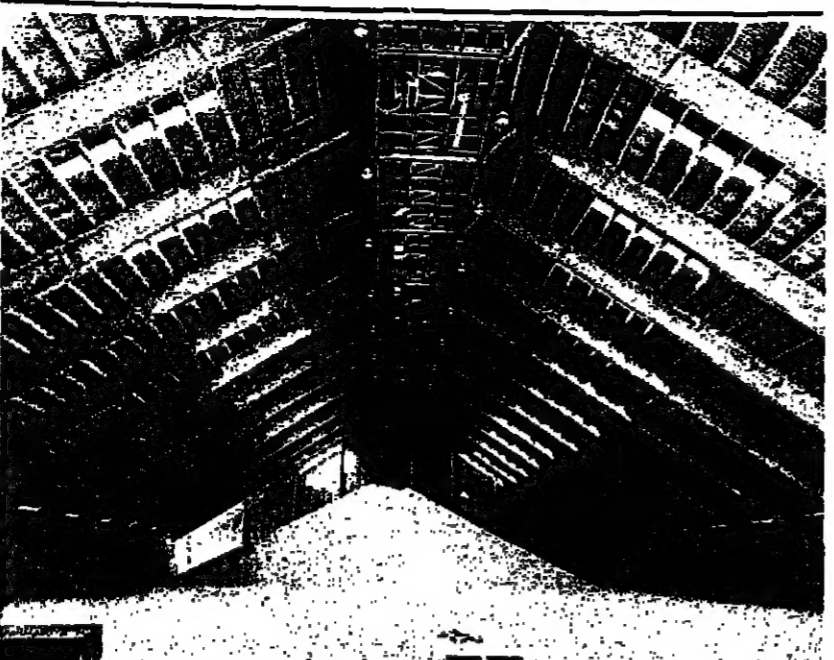
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Inside view of the new potash warehouse in Ashdod port. It is the largest building in Israel without internal struts.

NEW POTASH SHED IN ASHDOD PORT

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — "This is not only one of the biggest buildings in Israel without internal architectural supports, but the Dead Sea Works is one of the largest concerns in Israel without Government financial support," Mr. Haim Gvati, Minister of Development, said yesterday in dedicating a 11.5 km. addition to the potash warehouse terminal here.

Mr. Gvati, who described it as the "severe birth pangs" of the Dead Sea Works got on his feet, noted that Moscovsky had dreamed of "bringing the Dead Sea to life." Now, after years of public criticism that "public funds had been wasted" in extracting and selling the potash, the criticism had taken a new turn: the company was "losing its profits," Mr. Gvati said.

"Any company," he said, "which has to make a living out of fluctuating world prices must set aside a reserve to tide it over those years when prices fall. Otherwise it would be wiped out," he said.

Mr. Arya Shalsh, Managing Director of the Dead Sea Works, noted that the 112 metre extension to the existing building now made it 260 metres long. The building was 32 metres wide and could house up to 90,000 tons of potash.

A rich father no substitute for a visa

LOD AIRPORT. — Saying "my father's a rich lawyer" won't get you into Israel if you don't have a visa or any pocket money, a German youth discovered yesterday. It also doesn't help to have a drug record here, another tourist learned.

The German youth, aged about 22, arrived here before dawn by B.E.A. without either a visa — which the law requires — or the means to maintain himself. Highly surprised when police refused to let him enter the country, the would-be tourist said "my father's a rich and famous lawyer in Germany. Let me call him, and he'll send me money right away."

The police gave the youth his wish. As of yesterday it was not known whether the money had arrived.

The tourist with the drug record was sent out of the country yesterday, after apparently abandoning an attempt to set aside an order barring him entry. The youth, identified only as an American who had been arrested here on a previous visit for smoking hashish, had arrived on Friday.

He was put on a plane for home.

Weizmann I. seminar held in Moscow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — The famous Soviet cybernetics expert, Professor Alexander Lerner, has been prevented from emigrating to Israel to take up a position waiting for him at the Weizmann Institute. Instead, he is giving weekly cybernetics seminars on behalf of the Institute in his Moscow apartment.

This was announced yesterday by Prof. Chaim L. Pekeris, head of the Institute's Department of Applied Mathematics. He said that the participants are experts in the field, most of whom studied under Prof. Lerner at the Moscow Institute of Control Systems.

Prof. Lerner has also been asked to prepare reviews or syntheses of papers published in Soviet journals in his field. The Weizmann Institute will compensate him for all expenses he may incur and pay for any submitted for publication in scientific journals abroad.

The President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has been informed of this arrangement and asked to ensure that Prof. Lerner and other Soviet-Jewish scientists dismissed from their former posts at least be afforded the opportunity to utilize Soviet libraries.

Last year, Professor Albert Sabin, outgoing President of the Weizmann Institute, offered positions at the Institute to Prof. Lerner, his son and his daughter, all of whom are applied mathematicians.

Police reshuffle in Jerusalem, the South

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tat-Nitzav Haim Tavori, who has been serving as Jerusalem police commander for the past year, will take over command of the whole Southern District on January 1. He replaces Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouch who is resigning from the police after only five months in his present post.

The Southern District extends from Jerusalem all the way to Eilat. Tat-Nitzav Tavori's place in Jerusalem will be taken by Haim Brettenfeld, presently commander of the Patrol and Operations Division at national police headquarters. That task, in turn, will be assumed by Sgt-Nitzav Issachar Ben-Dor, head of the Organization Bureau at national headquarters.

The transfers were triggered by the unexpected announcement several weeks ago that T/N Chelouch was leaving, reportedly because of differences with the new Inspector-General, Nitzav Shaul Rosolio.

T/N Chelouch, who for several years headed the important Special Duties Department at national headquarters, had been named to the Southern District command on August 1 by Inspector-General Aharon Sela who had just assumed office. Two months later I-G Sela died of a heart attack and his deputy, Nitzav Rosolio, assumed his duties. It was shortly afterwards that T/N Chelouch, who is 51, announced his desire to resign. He has declined to give any reason publicly.

T/N Tavori has had considerable success during his year as Jerusalem commander in averting public demonstrations through his low-key approach to the Nebel Kartas and other potentially volatile elements. He had been serving as deputy commander of the Southern District when he was assigned to the Jerusalem post in place of N/M Daniel Baral, who is Jewish Agency emissary in England.

N/M Brettenfeld, before assuming his present post two years ago, had served as head of the Patrol and Operations Division in the Southern District. Prior to that he had served several years as deputy Jerusalem commander.

Xmas bombs may still be on way

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police yesterday renewed their warning to beware of booby-trapped letters or parcels.

Police spokesman Nitzav-Mishne Mordecai Tavori said that terrorist organizations had been reported planning to mail such devices during the holiday season, when the quantity of mail would presumably make it more difficult to spot them. He noted that because of the delays in transmitting mail during the Christmas rush, mail bombs may still be on route.



Haim Tavori Haim Brettenfeld

U.S. is magnet for Israelis, survey shows

LOD AIRPORT. — At any given time there are more Israelis sampling the wonders of Disneyland and Las Vegas than there are citizens of considerably larger, industrialized countries, a recent American survey shows.

The survey results, which document the magnetic appeal of American leisure spots, were released here yesterday by Eli Al. Among other things, they show that on a per capita basis, Israel sends eight times as many tourists to the U.S. as the U.S. sends to Israel.

In 1971, some 28,000 Israelis toured the U.S., the survey shows. This was more than came from Austria (15,000), Belgium (24,000), Greece (22,000) or Spain, all countries far larger than Israel, and no poorer. On a per capita basis, the 28,000 figure means that Israelis are eight times more likely to visit the U.S. than Americans to visit Israel.

The statistics also show that the average Israeli goes to the U.S. for pleasure (76.6 per cent), only 15.3 per cent going there on business. Students make up 6.4 per cent.

Favourite attractions are Disneyland, Hollywood and Las Vegas. Unlike American tourists who see Israel in three days, the average Israeli makes a considerably longer stay, nearly half (47.3 per cent) remaining more than a month as against only 12 per cent who stay for between three and nine days.

Police to have own ombudsman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A police officer with a law degree will become the first police ombudsman. He assumes office January 1.

The appointment of Tat-Nitzav Zeev Margalit to the post was announced by the police spokesman yesterday.

At a press conference, T/N Margalit said he will have full freedom and independence of action in investigating all complaints involving the police. He said his task would be to clarify every incident and to draw conclusions where necessary.

These conclusions, he said, could involve recommendations for changes in certain police procedures or even order departmental trials where circumstances warranted.

The public can send complaints directly to T/N Margalit at police headquarters in Jerusalem. Complaints made to local police commands will also be referred to him when they are deemed of a serious nature.

T/N Margalit, 48, holds a law degree from Tel Aviv University. He has in the past served as deputy commander of the Tel Aviv district.



Zeev Margalit

COLD WAVE MAY BREAK

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGAN. — The recent cold wave might be over, the weatherman told "The Jerusalem Post" yesterday, "if the thermometer does not drop below zero tonight." He said this would not apply to several low-lying areas.

He even forecast the possibility of rain for tomorrow and Saturday, with some drops falling this afternoon or evening.

The forecast change of weather is credited to the appearance of clouds about six kilometers up and dry air coming from Iran and Iraq, he said.

Ardour turns to arson

NAZARETH. — A disappointed lover whose ardour drove him to arson was sent to jail for six months yesterday.

Yitzhak Magal, of Kfar Gidon, had been engaged to a girl studying nursing in Artza, Naveh Keren. About six months ago, she broke the engagement.

Magal, in his frustration, smashed the show-window of a house-appliance shop in town, went to the nurses' club at the Central Emeq Hospital and demolished the television set and then set fire to a field of grain belonging to Kibbutz Merhaviva. The blaze swept over 260 dunams.

Still not satisfied, Magal tried to set fire to an almond orchard at Kfar Sulam, and unsuccessfully, put a match to several fields near Tiberias.

The charge sheet also included an arson attempt in a barn in the Tel Aviv area.

In addition to the jail term, the District Court also gave him a one-year sentence suspended for three years and put him under the care of the probation officer for two years after his release. (17mm.)

Stiffer fines for contaminated foods

HAIFA. — Elite Ltd., convicted earlier for selling an Eguz candy-bar containing a lead seal, had its fine raised to IL1,000 by the District Court here yesterday.

The court was sitting as a court of appeal after Assistant District Attorney Z. Taglicht appealed the original fine of IL250.

Sitting in another food-contamination appeal, District Court Judges Emmanuel Skolim, Avraham Friedman and Luba Fortuna also raised to IL1,000 a fine against Farides Citrus of Yavne for an unclean bottle of Sunfresh fruit drink. The original fine had also been IL250.

Eban fetes Barbour at luncheon

U.S. Ambassador Welworth Barbour, now winding up an 11-year tour of duty in Israel, was the guest of honour yesterday at a farewell luncheon tendered at the King David Hotel by Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Mr. Eban noted Mr. Barbour's important role in furthering the friendly relations between the U.S. and Israel. The foundations were laid by the late President Harry Truman, Mr. Eban said.

Mr. Barbour expressed his regret that his tour of duty had come to an end, but added that he felt U.S.-Israel relations had every chance of remaining "perfectly harmonious." He said the countries were mutually aware of everything the other did.

Mr. Eban presented the outgoing Ambassador with a 100-year-old gold *hanukkiya* — and gave a command recitation of the difference between the eight-branched Hanukkah candelabrum and the seven-branched menorah which is the symbol of the State.

Among those present were Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, Finance Minister Eshkol Sagor, the President of the Supreme Court, the Mayor of Jerusalem, Israel's Ambassador-designate to the U.S., and the Danish Ambassador, Mr. Sigvald Kristensen, who will take over from Mr. Barbour as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. (17mm.)

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London police hold Palestinian with firearm, ammo in airport

LONDON. — Police yesterday charged a 24-year-old Palestinian with being in possession of a firearm without a certificate and 51 rounds of ammunition at London airport on Christmas Eve (Sunday).

Mohammed Abdul Karim Fuhaid was arrested and was being held at Ealing police station in West London. Two armed policemen were guarding the entrances to the police station yesterday and a number of Special Branch men were called in during the day.

Fuhaid will appear in court at Uxbridge, Middlesex, today.

Lella Khalid, the Palestinian terrorist, was also held in custody at Ealing police station for three weeks in September, 1970 after an abortive attempt to hijack an Israeli airliner over England. Miss Khalid sent Christmas cards to the staff last year and in 1970, but none was received this year.

Although Fuhaid was arrested on Sunday, police had refused to name him until yesterday, and would not give any details beyond the charge.

An airport police spokesman said the suspect was stopped by chance as he walked through the "nothing to declare" section of customs control with about 200 other passengers.

Passengers passing through London yesterday were watched carefully by police, including Scotland Yard detectives after a reported terrorist threat of an incident at Heathrow or Geneva airports.

The 35 passengers on a British

European Airways flight from Lod airport were met by three uniformed policemen.

The Arab was picked up following an Interpol tip-off. He was arrested as he walked at Heathrow for a flight to Norway. He had earlier flown in from Beirut.

Prime Minister Edward Heath called an emergency meeting with key Cabinet ministers over the Christmas holiday to make an agonizing decision whether to send the mystery Arab back to Beirut and sidestep trouble, or charge him and risk possible revenge attacks by Arab terrorists.

Mr. Heath decided to let the law take its course. Security chiefs sent out the warning to airports and airlines. (Reuter, AP)



Looters in Managua carry their goods amid the earthquake rubble of their quake-stricken city. (AP radiophoto)

Meir Paris visit may worsen Franco-Israeli relations

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Mrs. Golda Meir's presence at the Socialist International meeting in Paris next month threatens to further embitter links between France and Israel, the French newspaper "Le Monde" said here yesterday.

In a front-page editorial, the influential daily predicted that the unfriendly response of the Gaullists and the stiff attitude of French officials towards the Israeli Premier's visit indicated that it would halt any improvement in Franco-Israeli relations.

"Le Monde" said Mrs. Meir's presence here within a few weeks of a general election was bound to be regarded by the French government as an expression of support for the left-wing opposition.

The editorial, entitled "A very private visit," continued: "Mrs. Meir thought otherwise. She undoubtedly considered she had the right and duty, as vice-president of the Socialist International, to take part in the conference."

"There is no doubt she also thought that if her contacts were to be confined to left-wing figures, this would be entirely the responsibility of the French leaders, since they refused to receive her."

"Le Monde" paid tribute to President Georges Pompidou for improving this atmosphere by avoiding

statements which might offend Israel and by abstaining from direct interference in the Middle East conflict.

The newspaper commented: "In spite of this, the Israeli leaders are probably right in pointing out that the pro-Arab policy launched by General de Gaulle has not been basically altered by his successor."

10 JDL members arrested after ransom protest

NEW YORK. — Police arrested 10 members of the Jewish Defence League on Tuesday after they chained themselves to a fence outside the Soviet mission to the United Nations, a police spokesman said.

The 10, nine men and one woman ranging in age from 17 to 19, were booked on charges of disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly, the spokesman said. Earlier charges of criminal nuisance and loitering were dropped.

The protest was one of a series of demonstrations against the Soviet ransom tax on would-be emigrants.

The leader of the demonstration, Dov Hirsch, said, "The Russian blood will flow. We are starting a new wave of attacks against Russia — this is only the beginning."

"I hope all hell doesn't break loose, but representatives of the Russian government are now open to every kind of attack by the JDL," he warned.

When asked how the demonstrators managed to sneak by the policemen who patrol the mission building, a sergeant said, "We can't shoot people for demonstrating."

(UPI, Reuter)

Sadat visits Moslems, Copts in new move

CAIRO (UPI). — President Anwar Sadat yesterday visited Egypt's five Moslem and Coptic Christian spiritual leaders in an unprecedented gesture aimed at shoring up Egypt's domestic front.

The President made separate calls on Sheikh Mohammed el Fahum, rector of Al Azhar, which is the seat of Islam, and Pope Shenouda III, spiritual leader of Egypt's more than five million Copts.

During the calls, Sadat also met members of the Moslem theological research academy and the Coptic Holy Synod.

Political sources said Sadat sought to erase the communal bitterness touched off by the burning of a small church in a Cairo suburb last month and a recent clash between Moslems and Copts.

Sadat impressed on the Moslem and Coptic leaders the need for national harmony now more than ever before in view of preparations for a possible confrontation with Israel, the sources said.

The theme of national unity, including Moslem-Coptic relations, is expected to dominate the speech Sadat will make before a joint meeting of Parliament and the central committee of the Arab Socialist Union this afternoon, the sources said.

Howard Hughes in Britain

LONDON. — Billionaire reclus Howard Hughes, apparently driven from his refuge in earthquake shattered Nicaragua, flew into Britain yesterday and immediately vanished, the American Embassy said.

Hughes arrived without a passport but was whisked through immigration controls at the request of the American authorities, official sources said.

The publicity-shy business tycoon and former movie mogul touched down at London's Gatwick airport shortly after midnight in his privately-owned Lockheed Jetstar executive aircraft.

Hughes, who celebrated his 67th birthday on Christmas Eve, had been holed up in an 8th floor suite in the pyramid-shaped Intercontinental Hotel in Managua until Saturday's quake. The hotel was badly damaged and within hours Hughes' plane had whisked him out of the country. The party flew by way of Fort Lauderdale, Gander and Shannon, taking three days to reach England. (AP, UPI)

Managua quake

(Continued from page 1)

Looters in the ruins, he said. Some experts said the final count might reach 6,000.

Fires, burning sporadically since last Saturday, consumed three blocks of rubble, sending a yellow glow into the sky. The flames accomplished a measure of the demolition job that lies ahead and firemen did not attempt to put them out.

"We have eight 'rescue squads' combing the city," said a spokesman for the Nicaraguan Red Cross.

"There is no way to bury the bodies in their condition. They are simply set on fire with gasoline or kerosene."

Relief poured in from around the world in the form of food, clothing, medical supplies and money.

But in Geneva the International Red Cross said yesterday that unnecessary gifts and lack of coordination are hampering the relief work. The Red Cross issued a plea to nations near Nicaragua not to allow

their airports to be blocked by unwanted relief planes. A spokesman said all Red Cross societies had been asked to coordinate their relief plans with the headquarters in Geneva.

"There is absolutely no sense in flooding the country with unnecessary goods," the spokesman said.

"It is ridiculous to pack some doctors and nurses into a plane and have them cross the Atlantic at great cost, while there are enough helpers in neighbouring countries, especially in the U.S. and Mexico," the spokesman said.

A spokesman for the United Nations Relief Disaster Office said the Nicaraguan authorities were not extending entry visas to aid personnel who did not bring their own water and petrol.

"The situation is partly out of hand. Everybody tries to help and without coordination and so blocks the real efforts," the U.N.D.R.O. spokesman said.

Bombing

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In the eight days of saturation bombing, four crewmen were killed and two wounded when the B52 crashed near the end of a runway at Thailand's Utapao airbase after struggling back from North Vietnam with battle damage, the U.S. Command said.

Since President Nixon started the new round of bombing in the north on December 13, at least four Americans have been killed, four wounded and 58 reported missing from 12 B52s and seven fighter-bombers shot down.

The U.S. Command, as usual, provided no details on the latest bombing raids, begun after a 36-hour bombing truce shortly after noon on Tuesday.

"During the 19-hour period ending at midnight (GMT) U.S. crews conducted air and naval operations against military targets in North Vietnam," was the only Command statement.

A South Vietnamese air force fighter accidentally dropped a bomb on a village about 33 km. east of Saigon yesterday and killed nine civilians. Ten others were wounded.

A Soviet trawler believed to be a spy ship appeared off northern Guam yesterday, apparently to monitor departure and arrival of B52s from the Pacific Island's Andersen Air Force Base.

Diplomats in Saigon who are in touch with officials in Hanoi said all "non-essential workers" were evacuated from the city.

The Hanoi correspondent of the Hungarian news agency, MTI, reported what appeared to be a mass flight of civilians from Hanoi.

"Tens of thousands of inhabitants, with every conceivable means of conveyance, are fleeing from the operation scene of the new barbarous attacks," the report said.

A terrorist bomb exploded in front of the U.S. consulate at Da Nang just before midnight on Tuesday night, damaging the gate, military officials said. There were no casualties reported. (AP UPI)

Executive is kidnapped near B'Aires

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — A group of men armed with pistols yesterday kidnapped the Argentine production manager of the U.S. Standard Electric company, police said.

They said witnesses saw about 10 or 12 men abduct Vincent Russo from his car near his home in Becar, a suburb about 13 km. north of downtown Buenos Aires.

The men blocked Russo's car with a pickup truck and then forced him and his chauffeur into another car and drove away.

Police said the kidnap method was similar to that used by extrajudicial groups in several recent kidnaps.

Belgium to form ties with East Germany

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Belgium and East Germany will establish diplomatic relations, the government said yesterday. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said both countries will exchange ambassadors and agree to apply the Vienna convention of April 13, 1961, establishing general diplomatic procedures to their relations.

A spokesman said East Germany approached Belgium on November 29, with a request for the opening of relations.

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Truman's body lies in state in Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri (UPI). — The body of former U.S. President Harry S. Truman was carried yesterday in a slow, solemn procession past his home, the Truman Library where it will lie in state. Thousands of Americans lined the streets to honour and mourn him.

President Nixon and his wife Pat flew to Independence to lay a wreath at the library in the afternoon and pay their respects to the family. The Nixons planned to return to Washington four hours later and will not attend the funeral today.

Former President Lyndon Johnson, now the only living former U.S. President, his wife Lady Bird, their two daughters and their husbands also came to pay their respects.

Truman died on Tuesday at the age of 88.

Truman's body was due to lie in state, in a permanently sealed casket draped with the American flag, for 21½ hours until today.

Meanwhile, the Israel Government here is awaiting details from the U.S. as to what kind of memorial service is planned for Harry Truman before deciding who is to represent Israel.

As soon as the arrangements are completed in Washington, the Israel Embassy will inform the Government what level of representation is required — and then a party will be made up, officials in Jerusalem said last night.

Prime Minister Golda Meir sent the following cable to Mrs. Harry Truman:

"Allow me to express my personal sorrow as well as that of the people of Israel on the death of one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. He was all that a leader of a people should be. He will be remembered not only by the American people but by all mankind as one of the great men of this century. It is difficult to envisage what the world would have been like after the Nazi scourge of Europe in World War II were it not for what President Truman did to restore the countries of Europe and give new faith in the future to so many millions.

To us, the people of Israel, and may I say the entire Jewish people, his name will forever be linked with the restored sovereignty of our people.

May you and your family find solace in the fact that so many are with you in your sorrow."

Cannibalism denied by survivors' relatives

SANTIAGO. — Relatives and officials yesterday denied allegations that 16 persons who survived for 10 weeks after an airplane crash in the Andes did so by eating the flesh of their dead travelling companions. The survivors said nothing.

A diplomat said the 16 Uruguayan who survived 70 days after the crash of a Uruguayan Air Force F-27 turboprop on October 13 would issue a statement after they return to Montevideo on Saturday or Sunday.

Until then, said Uruguayan Charge d'Affaires Cesar Charone, the survivors will remain in isolation in their hotel rooms.

Allegations of cannibalism began circulating shortly after news last weekend that the 16 survived the crash high on an icy Andes mountain slope. Twenty-nine of the 45 people on board were killed in the crash or died later.

Chilean police sources said the survivors ate the bodies of five passengers and the country's Andean rescue corps on Tuesday night said its members, who reached the crash site, found six cut-up bodies on the scene.

"The foulest lie I have ever heard in my life," said Mrs. Domitila Paez, whose son Carlos was among the survivors. "Someone is trying to

Scheel plans Mid-East tour next year

BONN (AP). — Foreign Minister Walter Scheel plans next year to make a Mid-East tour which he had cancelled this year because of the West German election and tension over the Olympics massacre of Israeli athletes, informed sources said yesterday.

Scheel plans to visit Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. No dates have been set yet.

In his visit to Cairo Scheel was expected to devote much of his official talks to trade — West Germany is Egypt's biggest European trading partner.

The Foreign Minister was invited to Egypt during talks earlier this year which ended in the establishment of full diplomatic relations on June 8.

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Lester Pearson's condition 'grave'

OTTAWA (UPI). — Former Prime Minister Lester Pearson, 76, has lapsed into unconsciousness with a recurrence of a cancer ailment which has spread to his liver, a family spokesman said yesterday.

"It is very grave," said the spokesman.

The Nobel peace prize winner had to cut short a Florida vacation on Christmas eve (Sunday) and fly back to Ottawa. He had planned a three-week vacation with friends in Florida although he had been under treatment for several weeks. His wife, Maryon, and his daughter, Fay, and son, Geoff, were at his bedside.

Zambia to protest capture of soldiers

LESACA (UPI). — Zambia will lodge a protest with the U.N. over the capture of two Zambian soldiers by Portuguese troops, government sources said yesterday.

The two soldiers were captured on the Zambia-Mozambique border 11 days ago. A government spokesman said it was believed they strayed across the border while on a routine patrol near Nyanji, 320 kms. east of Lusaka.

Portuguese troops have several times strayed across the border in the same area but have been returned to their own country.

U.S. envoy's return to Sweden postponed

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The State Department said yesterday it would postpone the return to Stockholm of its charge d'affaires there because of the Swedish Government's criticism of U.S. bombing over North Vietnam.

A department spokesman said its Swedish charge d'affaires, John Guthrie, now in Washington, would "not return to Sweden" at least for the time being.

TEL AVIV PROTEST

TEL AVIV. — A small group of Israelis gathered outside the American Embassy in Israel here yesterday to protest the renewed American bombing of North Vietnam.

About 100 demonstrators stood behind police barricades chanting "Thanks go home and waving placards urging the Americans to sign a cease-fire accord."

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BAD YEAR FOR POMPIDOU

"It began with a wave of scandals involving some of the French President's closest aides. Then there was the lukewarm response to the referendum on the Common Market..."



By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Paris — France says goodbye to 1972 in a mood of both apprehension and enthusiasm. As the traditional "sillon" parties usher in the New Year, thoughts are already turning to the general election which is to be held in March. If the idea polls continue to show their usual strong trend in favour of Socialist-Communist electoral alliance, prospects of an end to 14 years of uninterrupted Gaullist rule is soon materializing.

that, if France had voted before the New Year, the Left would have picked up 46 per cent of the ballots and the Gaullists only 38, with two per cent going to the extreme right and 14 per cent to the middle-of-the-road Centrists.

The composition of the new majority will be decided in a run-off between the front runners one week after the first vote. The choice of the Centrists' supporters will be decisive: If more than a fraction of them prefer a change to another five years of Gaullism, the regime's days will be numbered.

Bribery

Shippie Dechartre, Secretary of Housing, also hung onto office although a civil court found him guilty of trying to bribe from a real estate agent. The French President did not resign until 17 hours before the arrival of Elizabeth on a state visit. British Queen had let it be known that she would not shake and of a swindler. But Michel rally, another Paris Deputy, sits in the National Assembly, he has been exposed as owner of a multi-million dollar slaughterhouse which is pulled down within a few days of completion because the ever required it.

Already suspecting that his popularity was on the wane early in 1972, Pompidou decided to resort to a stratagem which General de Gaulle had repeatedly used to shore up his personal position: The Referendum. But Pompidou made a poor choice in the issue which he presented to the electorate. He asked them to state their opinion on a matter which was already almost universally approved in France: the admission of Britain and the other applicants for membership of the Common Market. The voters stayed away from the poll in droves. There had never been so many abstentions in a French poll since before the Second World War. This lukewarm response served only to further undermine Pompidou's prestige and the credibility of his Government.

In July, Pompidou reluctantly discarded his Premier, handsome Jacques Chaban-Delmas, whom the opposition press had sarcastically congratulated for his skill in avoiding payment of income tax by astute manipulation of the fiscal laws. Chaban was replaced by a colourless former Foreign Legion officer, Pierre Messmer. Messmer, who had served as Defence Minister under de Gaulle, was once regarded as a "friend of Israel" (a label attached to many of the French Government servants who had cooperated with Jerusalem before the Six Day War).

DODGING PRETORIA'S RACE LAWS

Sex playground across the colour line

By BRIAN HOWARD
EAST LONDON (Gemin)

"DRIVE to the Mantenga Falls 18 km south of Mbabane for a spectacular sight," said the Swazi tourist brochure. The sight was, as promised, spectacular... and the waterfall beautiful too.

Although France's Middle East policy has undergone no substantive change this year — in spite of assurances to the contrary by the French Embassy in Tel Aviv — other things are certainly on the move here. Dissatisfaction with the placement who have been running the country for a decade and a half has created a desire for change which is not confined to the left. The electoral alliance of the Communist and Socialist parties has provoked no alarm outside the ranks of the Gaullists who must know that the fear of the red bogey is no longer a valid election argument.

That is why the French will be popping their champagne corks this New Year's Eve in an atmosphere of excitement about what 1973 holds in store. For the Government, the dominant feeling is one of concern. For the Opposition, it borders on an exultation which is perhaps premature. But one thing is certain: For France the New Year is going to be much more exciting than the old.

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Soviet scientists appeal to colleagues

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Royal gift

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Prize for film

BRUSSELS (UNA). — The Israeli film, "I love you Rose" won first prize in the "Femina" movie contest held here last week.

A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP, on the anniversary of the death of Leon Shiran, who was killed by Arab terrorists on an El Al plane in Athens on December 28, 1968, was presented yesterday to Hanoch Bar-On, a fourth year Civil Engineering student at the Technion. Shiran, a prominent marine engineer, was on his way to Argentina on a U.N. mission when he was struck down.

TOUGH TEST FOR LEAGUE LEADERS

TEL AVIV. — The start of the second half of the league football has the leaders — Hakoah of Ramat Gan in a tough test away against the 4th-placed Petah Tikva Maccabi.



Both teams returned to winning form last week. Petah Tikva Maccabi has lost only one home game this season, and that was on the first day of the season. The Maccabi attack has scored more goals, 25, than any other in the National League, but only Marmorek Hapoel and Shimshon have let in more goals.

Outstanding team

Jaffa Maccabi, whom this reporter still rates as one of the outstanding teams in the country, play away against Haifa Maccabi. The Jaffa side has had some singular bad luck in recent weeks, crowned last week by an own goal that cost them at least one point against Hakoah.

no hesitation in forecasting a Jerusalem win, but on current form one is far less confident of Jerusalem's defence being able to hold Shimon Cohen and Zsigi. Sportoto punters should save on a draw.

An intriguing bottom-of-the-table encounter will be that of Marmorek Hapoel playing at home to Shimshon, heroes of last Saturday. Also Marmorek Hapoel scored a creditable win, beating Petah Tikva Hapoel 1:0. Marmorek Hapoel will be fighting to emerge from the foot of the table and their determination may enable them to save a point from the seemingly stronger Shimshon combination. X3 should be the marking on football coupons for this one.

SPORTOTO GUIDE

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Tobacco firms sponsor probe on smoking

BOSTON (AP). — Harvard Medical School is launching a five-year investigation, sponsored by eight tobacco companies, that will probe the relationship between tobacco smoking and lung and heart disease, the school announced on Tuesday.

Israel's rugby side picked

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Hebrew University's talented Barry Judelman will captain Israel in next week's rugby "test" against the Cyprus Lions, a British army team based on the island.

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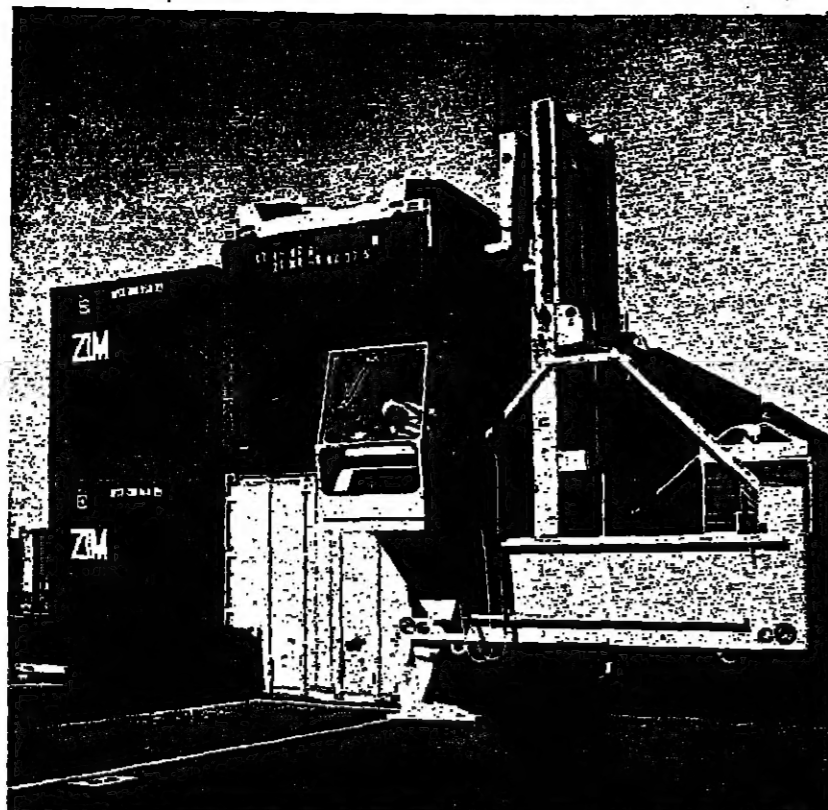
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By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Zim containers in use at Ashdod.

(Fuchs)

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Mr. Kashti "saw no reason" why Zim should not try to cash in on their good will to use an Israeli shipping company...

per cent of total sea transport, has 70 per cent of the damages... He concludes that "in spite of the bad forecasts as to future prospects, the owners continue to invest."

DOCK DISPUTE COSTING
ZIM \$50,000 A MONTH

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The continuing refusal of Ashdod port dockers to operate container handling equipment is costing the Zim company, \$50,000 a month...

freighters, totalling 38,000 tons of weight, which the company sold off during this year, and a 60,000-ton tanker, the m.s. Nora...

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Buoyant mood continues

TEL AVIV - The buoyant atmosphere continued yesterday's Stock Market session, especially in the recovery of shares of which I.L.S. was traded in the variables...

L.D.E. Bankholding dropped 1 1/2 points to 266.5 (129,900). Hapoalim gained 8 points at 357 on record turnover of 235,500 bearer shares...

Foreign Exchange

Table with columns for currency (Dollar, DM, Swiss Fr., etc.) and exchange rates.

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Table with columns for term (3 Months, 6 Months, 12 Months) and interest rates.

DEVELOPMENT

Table listing various companies and their stock prices.

Labour disputes are not
Government's business,
Ben-Aharon argues

By AARON SIKTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-General Zishek Ben-Aharon told a Jerusalem audience on Tuesday night that the Government should keep its nose out of labour disputes...

prices of consumer goods. To these, he replied by saying, "It was in the minority when the Alignment leadership decided to back Minister Haim Bar-Lev's price decontrol plan..."

Women's pay
PROMISE BY
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Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Labour Minister Yosef Almogi promised yesterday that the Government would do more to see that women got equal pay for equal work...

New Bank Leumi
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Bank Leumi has opened a new branch on Erez Zion in Jerusalem, with a special department for tourists, foreign residents and new immigrants...

Worked trade year
in U.S. history

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. trade deficit took a sharp turn for the worse in November, mainly because of record-high imports, the Commerce Department said yesterday...

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Beware of
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V. - The Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Haim Kuperman, warned yesterday that unwise persons have been selling plots of largely agricultural land...

Market floats aimlessly

NEW YORK (AP) - The Stock market floated aimlessly yesterday, with year-end tax selling roughly balanced by buying...

to reporters at Beit Sorek, Mr. Kuperman said the local authorities in the accumulated I.L.600m. - a figure which is excessive to I.L.2,000m. next year.

At the American Stock Exchange, the price change index was off 0.03 to 26.13. On the Big Board, declines held a slim edge over advances for the day, with 749 stocks down and 706 up among the 1,532 traded.

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THE NORTH AIN'T SO HOT EITHER

The professional offenders

EGGED in recent years has not enjoyed a favourable popular image. The reason, rightly or wrongly, lies in the general feeling expressed last month in an opinion poll that the members of the national bus cooperative, by virtue of their power, are able to earn exorbitant incomes. This bad image is deepened by recognition that these monies, supplied in part by government subsidy, are not returned to the public in commensurate standard of service.

But now another suspicion about the nature of Egged's performance has been given verification. For, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, over 40 per cent of the country's buses were involved in accidents with casualties in 1971. Now it may be that the statistics give an inflated picture of recklessness. For the category of "accidents with casualties" includes injuries, many of which were probably minor, to passengers resulting from sudden stopping or veering, but which do not actually involve a traffic accident. And it might even be that some of these claimed injuries represent attempts by passengers to exploit the bus cooperative's liability.

Yet, even allowing for such inflation in the statistics, the rate of accidents involving buses is shocking, if not surprising. And any attempt to effectively improve the deplorable state of traffic safety in the country must focus not only on the apparent faults such as road conditions but also on Egged's role in killing and maiming Israelis.

ISRAEL PRESS

VOTE BILL ATTACKED

Ha'aretz (non-party), criticising the bill for a revised method of distributing excess votes in the elections, asserts: "Admittedly there is no absolute justice on this issue. The question, however, is what method of distribution of excess votes most suits the wishes of the electors."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), referring to the Mapam convention, says that the party's fundamental principles and mission have remained unchanged.

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) is annoyed with the Finance Minister for "having earmarked IL60m. for universities in the additional budget, and overlooking yeshivot."

She'arim (Posal Agudat Yisrael) criticizes "the soft attitude displayed by the Foreign Ministry towards Yugoslavia on the issue of her support for the terrorists."

DRIVER AWARDS

Readers' letters

DIVORCES

MAKING THE ROADS SAFER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — According to recent reports about 50-60 people a month are killed in Israel in traffic accidents. This is an intolerably high figure for a small country such as ours; obviously, our present safety measures are inadequate.

May I offer for consideration the following thoughts:

1) Insurance companies are interested parties: As reported, they paid out in 1971 over IL20 million in settlement of car accident claims. I, therefore, believe that in their own interest they could be induced, through their National Association, to initiate and manage an intensive safety campaign financed by a common pool to which each company would contribute a small fraction of the premiums collected, totalling now over IL100 million per year.

2) Stricter enforcement of traffic laws: Careless driving should be discouraged by stiffer penalties to violators.

3) Rewarding careful drivers: I propose a system whereby any driver with no violations should, at the end of each year, get a certificate to be pasted on the car. This certificate would be marked 1,2,3,4, or 5, each number indicating the number of driving years without violations. Such certificate should also have a monetary value in the form of a tax allowance on the registration fee according to the number marked on it. I suggest a tax allowance of from IL25 to IL50 for each year. These certificates might eventually become coveted as badges of honour in addition to their monetary values.

BENJAMIN GUTMAN Jerusalem, December 22.

ONE can't help noticing the wide grin which spreads on the world's face as it witnesses Henry Kissinger's failure to bring peace to the Far East. One dares say that many heaved a relieved sigh, because the achievements of the brilliant Jewish professor upset all those who dislike brilliant Jewish professors.

Right now, the world press is paying him back for his vexing successes in China and Moscow. Public opinion is also up in arms against President Nixon who sends his bombers over Hanoi, and all-out scorn is heaped on the President of South Vietnam who refuses to sign an agreed peace that others had prepared for him in his absence.

Only one party is ill-white and pure: the Government of North Vietnam.

The oppressors of this miserable land enjoy the sympathy due to a small nation fighting a big power, even if that big power is stupid war beyond comprehension. Frankly, there is no other way of describing our elder sister from across the ocean, who went into battle firmly resolved not to win, so as to earn good press reviews.

Just to avoid any misunderstandings, President Johnson declared in good time that his armies would never cross the border of North Vietnam. "Then why don't you say so?" asked the leaders of the North, and crossed the border of the South. This was the history, General Giap's forces advanced wisely in the Quang Tri enclave and even more nicely in New York and Los Angeles. The U.S. may credit itself with the most senseless war an elephant has ever waged against a gnat. In all sincerity, we must tell our sister that her hapless borders on the criminal. The U.S. may hang its head in shame; it should have won the war in 10 days, instead it took 10 years to lose it. It is a fact well known to all powers that a local war which lasts longer

EPHRAIM KISHON expresses a personal view on Vietnam

than a week is considered a flop... Especially if it is waged for a democracy as corrupt and parasitic as that of General Thieu, if one is to believe the shocking disclosures of the AID Agency.

But the most nauseating and loathsome of the lot is still the much-praised Government of North Vietnam.

No, in their time they did not set out to liberate the South, but to subjugate it. They don't want a united Vietnam, what they want is a Communist Vietnam. They burned, tortured, murdered the Southerners in every hamlet, they captured, with the same cruelty with which they destroyed their own country. A million and a half North Vietnamese have been killed so far in this sterile ideological war; their towns and fields were burned; all North Vietnam is one huge field of rubble and desolation, smoldering and existing stretch of cadavers — and all this concerns the oppressors of North Vietnam as much as yesterday's snow on the Kilmannjaro. They give a damn or maybe a little less for human lives and do not even feign interest in the fate of 100,000 prisoners of war held by the South; all their interest is centred on the handful of American pilots exhibited in their cages...

Damascus could learn a thing or two from them. Until now, Hanoi could claim that they were fighting foreign occupation. Now there are no foreign soldiers left in the South; the Yankees have gone home, minding the grapes which flourish wherever they appear. What's more, Prof. Kissinger offered them an American surrender, officially recognized the Vietnam, agreed to a dubious unification, on condition that the North remove its forces from the South and respect its sovereignty. That, naturally, is out of the question. The whole world knows that the Communists are not infatuated with free elections without their armies in position. So the slaughter has to go on.

Their war is utterly hopeless against the giant who begins to discover that he doesn't have to fight with his right arm. Heed behind his back, because the Chinese and the Russians don't feel like intervening. And yet the North Vietnamese Government maintains its popularity the world over and will maintain it until not a single whole roof is left over its inhabitants' heads, until their last bridge comes down, until all of North Vietnam goes underground, the tortured population in graveyards and the heroic leaders in bomb-proof bunkers.

And all this so that Vietnam should be Communist and not otherwise.

Never before had a government brought such destruction on its own people as the North Vietnamese. This is the cruelest and most inhuman regime we have learned about, a clique completely indifferent to the suffering and pain of its citizens. Its place is in the dock of the war criminals, even if it fights a confused big power and its blundering satellites. Propaganda stays propaganda and graveyards stay just that.

Translated by Yohanan Goldman By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

AN Israel Christmas story: A plane belonging to a foreign airline was checking out of Lod Airport on Christmas Eve. When the supervisor at the Control Tower had given his final instructions, he followed them up with "and a Merry Christmas to you."

He was taken aback when the pilot's voice came back saying in juicy Yiddish, "You can say a geytes shabbos to me instead..."

We were looking round Bethlehem to see what was new this year in the way of souvenirs. The only thing we found was a bunch of genuine crowns of thorns, hung unceremoniously on a hook outside a shop.

An account of The Jerusalem Post, past and present, appeared in the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" on the occasion of our 40th anniversary, by that paper's Jerusalem correspondent, Moshe Tavor, who once upon a time also worked for The Post itself. He recalls the censoring in 1949, of a leading article in The Post on the significance of Christmas and Hanukkah, written by a British cleric. This had annoyed the censor by pointing out that the proper version of the famous Christ-

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mas share is "peace to men of good will," not peace and good will to all Fridays.



A NOTE for careful shoppers: You may have noticed that some of the shops now sell packets of tea made of various outlandish substances, such as mint, fennel, lime blossom, or rose hips, which are reported to be good for a variety of ailments, or at least protect you from the tannin in real tea that prevents some people from sleeping.

If you are just trying them out, you will find little packets sealed in cellophane containing five individual tea bags, each packed neatly in its own paper envelope. The packet of five costs 97 agorot. A woman who used these said she found the rose-hip mixture satisfactory. The teabag is quite large, and was enough to make two glasses of tea, one each for her husband and herself. She figured that each little bag cost over 19 agorot, but as it served two it was not so very expensive. Presently she discovered that the tea also came in cardboard boxes of 50 bags, at IL7.95. With an effort she worked out that this came to just under 16 agorot per bag. One of the boxes was open and she noticed the teabags were without paper envelopes. Three-agorot saved a bag for buying in quantity seemed reasonable, and she bought the box. When she came to make the tea that evening she discovered that the teabags were much smaller, and the result was two glasses of undrinkable watery infusion. Her husband was annoyed and snatched

up the new box, and one of the old packets and sat down to figure. He discovered that the small bags weighed 2.25 grams to the 3.5 of the larger ones; if you buy the box of 50, you pay just over 7 agorot per gram of tea, against 5.5 agorot per gram of the small packets. If they had paid the same, the big packet should have cost IL2.50, and less than that with a reduction for buying in quantity and in simpler packaging. Now you may think our friend is a bit of a bore with his arithmetic, but shouldn't the Super-Sol employ somebody to do this kind of figuring and save them from overcharging?

THE S.P.C.A. in Tel Aviv have a large red rooster on pension from Sundays to Fridays. He is a pet brought by a new immigrant couple, who discovered to their distress that, unlike dogs, roosters

were not admitted to an ulpan. They could not make suitable arrangements for him nearby, because it is a residential area where it is not permitted to keep chickens. So that the teabags were much smaller, and the result was two glasses of undrinkable watery infusion. Her husband was annoyed and snatched

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ers (however evil). Mr. Tavor then recalls that a year earlier a rather similar thing had happened to him in Prague, where he had edited a Jewish weekly. He had written about Hanukkah, and the Gestapo censor had blue-pencilled the whole article. "You are writing about the battle against the Romans and you really mean the German Empire," the censor had explained.

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JERUSALEM BEAUTY SPOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With the building of the platform for Hans Arp's decorative emblem-sculpture, "On the threshold of Jerusalem," and the sensitively thought-out landscaping and planting around it, a small, but exceedingly fine new beauty spot has been created in the centre of West Jerusalem (on King George Avenue). When the seven-storey building of the Tirat Bat-Sheva Hotel opposite went up three years ago, this also enhanced the look of the neighbourhood (which, up till then, had been a desert of sorts in the middle of town); this apparently prompted the final completion of another storey of the library wing of Yeshurun Synagogue. This corner, with the fine Ratisbonne Monastery as backdrop, helped turn a very unsatisfactory stretch of King George Avenue into a real beauty spot.

The addition of more storeys to the existing hotel structure is bound to encroach on the architectural harmony of this particular neighbourhood. The planning authorities should thwart in time any such attempt to spoil this newly created, beautifully laid-out neighbourhood in the middle of our city.

FRANK OLLENDOERF Jerusalem, December 17.

EDUCATING OUR EDUCATORS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Cabinet Ministers and other public figures recently made statements to the effect that the reason for this country being so littered and dirty was simply lack of education, due to its population coming from so many different cultures.

One can only hope that, having taken so long in arriving at this conclusion, those empowered to act will take rather less time to recognize that the foremost task will be to educate those who are entrusted with the education of our children. Many of our present teachers and educators simply lack the essential virtues of good citizenship. As for our future teachers, their standards are simply appalling. For instance, one need only pass by the Ramat Aviv Teacher Training College and watch its students unwrap chewing gum, peel oranges, crack sunflower seeds, etc., leaving a trail of litter in their wakes. What do the authorities propose to do about the education of our present and future educators?

Turning now to the question of how to educate the masses — both children and adult — more effectively, it is difficult to understand why, for example, more imaginative use, on a scale commensurate with the problem, has not been made of the mass media so far.

(Mrs.) M. PALPIT Tel Aviv, December 21.

SOLUTION TO COHEN PROBLEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The problem of marriage between a Cohen and divorcee is one of those problems which require either civil marriage, or a more elastic interpretation of Halacha.

Now, the word divorcee is not the exact translation of gersusha. Divorce was not known in ancient times. What really happened was a unilateral repudiation of the unworthy wife by the husband, and gersusha means literally driven away. Our ancient sages were of the opinion that such a repudiated wife was not worthy to be the spouse of a Cohen — a priest officiating in the Temple. A modern divorcee is quite often granted because of the husband's guilt, so the divorcee has nothing with which to reproach herself.

Nowadays, there is no high priest, any more officiating in the Temple, but something of the ancient custom remains. In all Orthodox synagogues, after Sabbath or Holiday prayers, the Cohenim present go to the Holy Ark, cover their faces with their shawls, and give their blessing to the community. Halacha re-

quires that the officiating Cohen be clean physically and morally. It prescribes that the Cohen give his blessing with love. If, for instance, the Cohen hates one of the worshippers present, he is prohibited by Halacha from giving the blessing, since he would not be sincere. This same applies if the Cohen knows that one of the worshippers present hates him. In these cases, the Halacha prescribes that the Cohen shall not give his blessing and even leave the room while other Cohenim are officiating.

I am giving these examples only to prove that Halacha is human and recognizes that a Cohen can be unfit to officiate for some reason. By extension, and with some good will, a Cohen married to a divorcee could be declared unfit to officiate by a rabbinical court. This would not be contrary to the spirit of Halacha. In practice, it would hurt nobody, since an observant Cohen would never marry a divorcee anyhow, and for a secular Jew, the prohibition against officiating is merely theoretical.

A. BASSIN Haifa, December 16.

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